

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 20 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0835-1-01 (ACCNO 0478) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: REID, HAROLD ERICH Date Status assigned: 3 Dec 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A #
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	2191245	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	27 Dec 1946	Weight	138 lb / 62.5 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	UTAH	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0) LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type:	GROUND SITE	
UTM:	49PAT925533	49PAT925525
Lat/Long:	155027N / 1080744E	155001N / 1080744E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	1	
Mission Province:	QUANG NAM-DA NANG	
(formerly):	QUANG NAM	
Mission District:	DUY XUYEN	
Mission Date:	13 Sep 1967	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	GRND	Serial:	\$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	
Call Sign:	\$	1 Serial:	
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

26 November 1975

AT 0430 HOURS ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1967 LCPL HAROLD E. REID WAS ASSIGNED DUTY AT A MARINE OBSERVATION POST NEAR A BRIDGE OVER THE THU BON RIVER, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. HE INDICATED TO HIS RELIEF THAT HE WAS GOING ACROSS THE RIVER TO SEE A FRIEND IN G COMPANY, 2 BATTALION, 5TH MARINES. HE WAS LAST SEEN CROSSING THE SOUTH END OF THE BRIDGE AT GRID COORDINATES AT 925 533. THE AREA IN WHICH HE WAS LAST SEEN WAS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED, AND OTHER UNITS IN THE AREA WERE CONTACTED FOR ANY POSSIBLE INFORMATION. ALL EFFORTS TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. (REF 1 & 2)

26 December 1975

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE PRECLUDED ANY EFFORTS TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LCPL REID IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

26 November 1975

A SOURCE REPORTED THAT IN NOV 1967 AFTER A SWEEP OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF HIS HOME, HE FOUND THE BODY OF A CAUCASIAN DRESSED IN MARINE-TYPE CAMOUFLAGE FATIGUES. THE BODY HAD A LARGE WOUND IN THE LEFT SIDE AND WAS BURIED BY THE SOURCE IN A GRAVE APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS EAST OF HIS HOUSE AT GRID COORDINATES AT 925 525. NO ID WAS FOUND ON THE BODY BY THE SOURCE. (REF 3)

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

12 March 1984

SOURCE REPORTS THE GRAVE OF A U.S. MARINE IN THE VICINITY OF AT 9351. THIS POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO LCPL HAROLD E. REID. (REF 4)

=== REFERENCES ===

12 March 1984

REFERENCES USED: <1> RPT , BIO DATA, SEA, UNDATES. <2> RPT CG 1ST MARINE DIV (REIN) FMF, W/ENCLOSURES, 10 OCT 67. <3> MSG , USD AO SAIGON RVN, IR #6-918-5628-73, 110238Z DEC 73. <4> REFCON DATA BASE , 83-097. <5> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

11 July 1977

BURIAL SITE COORDINATES OF AT 925525 FOR REFNO 0835101 ENTERED BASED ON MSG USDAO SGN RVN, IR #6-918-5628-73 DATED 110238Z DEC 73.

9 December 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM AT970610 TO AT 925533 BASED ON BOARD REPORT, 3RD BN, 7TH MARINES, 18 SEP 67.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

8 October 1993

ON 21 AUG 93, IE3 TRAVELLED TO DUY HOA VILLAGE, DUY XUYEN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0835. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE 13 SEP 67 DISAPPEARANCE OF A U.S. MARINE LANCE CORPORAL WHILE HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A FRIEND IN A NEARBY UNIT. ONE OF THE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY IE3 STATED THAT SOMETIME PRIOR TO 1968, HE AND SOME FRIENDS BURIED AN AMERICAN MARINE WHO HAD BEEN SHOT BY LOCAL GUERRILLAS. THE SECOND WITNESS SAID THAT HE OBSERVED THIS BURIAL. BOTH WITNESSES STATED THAT IN 1972 OR 1973, THE AMERICAN'S BODY WAS EXHUMED AND REBURIED IN ANOTHER LOCATION. BOTH WITNESSES MAINTAIN THAT NO ONE IS ALIVE WHO KNOWS THE LOCATION OF THE SECOND BURIAL SITE. THE IE3 CONTINGENT CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE FIRST ALLEGED BURIAL SITE, A 5 X 10 METER AREA, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH A CEMETARY AND A CULTIVATED AREA. NO EVIDENCE OF THE SERVICE MEMBER'S GRAVE WAS FOUND. AT THE SITE, THE TEAM ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL LOCAL PEOPLE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE INCIDENT, BUT THOSE QUESTIONED COULD ONLY POINT IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF WHERE THEY THINK THE AMERICAN'S BODY WAS RELOCATED. THE TEAM ALSO SEARCHED THE INCIDENT LOCATION CONTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A WITNESS IDENTIFIED IN A REFUGEE REPORT WAS TO BE INTERVIEWED, BUT COULD NOT BE LOCATED. LOCAL RESIDENTS CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL OR HIS WHEREABOUTS. (REF 5)



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NARRATIVE

ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1967, LANCE CORPORAL HAROLD E. REID WAS ASSIGNED DUTY AT AN OBSERVATION POST NEAR A BRIDGE OVER THE THU BON RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES AT925533, APPROXIMATELY 25 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF DA NANG AND 4 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DAI LOC, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. AT 0430 HOURS, LANCE CORPORAL REID TOLD HIS RELIEF THAT HE WAS GOING SOUTH ACROSS THE RIVER TO VISIT A FRIEND IN ANOTHER UNIT. THAT WAS THE LAST TIME HE WAS SEEN. HIS UNIT CONDUCTED A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE SURROUNDING AREA BUT FAILED TO LOCATE ANY SIGN OF LANCE CORPORAL REID.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: REID, HAROLD ERICH
RANK: LANCE CORPORAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
DATE OF BIRTH: 27 DECEMBER 1946
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS
WEIGHT: 62.5 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: HAZEL

Passed to officials of the
Vietnamese government during a